

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 10, 12-23, 25-27 and 30-43 have been amended. Claim 44 has been added. No new matter is introduced herein. Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 10 and 12-44 are pending.

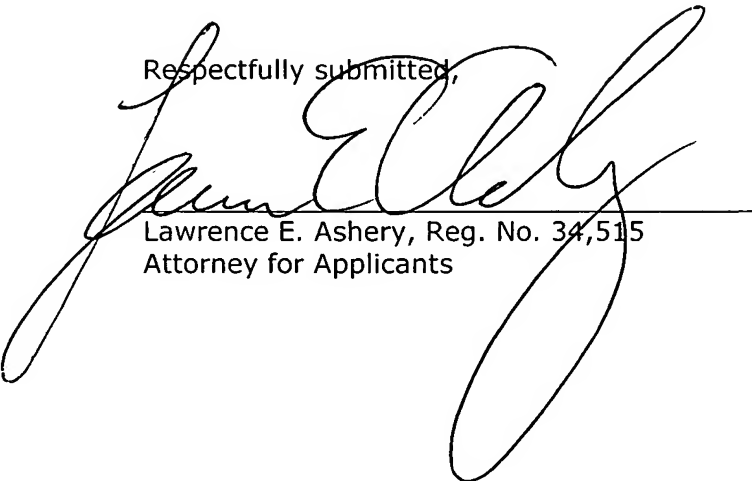
Claim 44 has been added. No new matter is introduced herein. Support for new independent claim 44 can be found, for example, at p. 12, line 2-p. 13, line 8; p. 22, line 15-p. 26, line 11; p. 34, lines 4-14 and Figs. 1 and 4 of the substitute specification.

Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 10 and 12-43 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, claim 1 is directed toward a system that includes system elements and a method. Claim 1 has been amended to recite the features as system elements. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 10 and 12-43 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Official Action raised a number of issues regarding the claims. In particular, the Examiner has quoted portions of claims 1, 4-6, 12-15, 17, 18, 33 and 38-40 and has requested clarification regarding these claims. Each issue has been addressed. Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 10, 12-23, 25-27 and 30-43 have been amended to clarify the language and for antecedent basis in accordance with the issues raised by the Examiner. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to depend from new independent claim 44. Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 10, 12-23, 25-27 and 30-43 have been amended to correspond to new independent claim 44. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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